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The Invisible Government

I have read with interest your Sept. 24th editorial on CIA. The recent suggestions by Senators Young and Morse that CIA be made more responsive to the Congress are not new. In testimony before the Joint Committee on Organization of the Congress on May 13, I urged that a joint committee, including representatives of the foreign affairs committees of the Congress, be established to oversee intelligence operations.

I pointed out that present Congressional review of CIA is confined to a few Congressmen who are exclusively concerned with military affairs. I also pointed out that CIA does not merely collect information—that its operations often affect our foreign policies in a most drastic way.

A public disclosure of all of CIA's operations is obviously impossible, but a meaningful review by key members of the House and Senate who have responsibility in international relations is both possible and desirable.

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